

**Community Preservation Committee  
Public Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2016**

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Committee Members in attendance were:

Andrew Bengtson  
Mike Cayer  
David Levy  
Leslie Mayer  
JoAnn Robinson  
Clarissa Rowe  
Charles Tirone  
Eric Helmuth  
Richard Murray

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There was a public meeting in the Town Hall Auditorium to solicit ideas for the Community Preservation Committee and possible projects for this first year and for the four coming years. There was a PowerPoint Show about the CPA in Arlington and there were brief presentations about the Community Preservation Plan and Community Preservation Project Application from members of the CPC. [The public meeting can be viewed online here.](#)

About 40 people attended, and good questions were asked.

Town Meeting member Phil Goff asked if there could be trail improvements on the DCR lands in Arlington.

There were several questions about Spy Pond and its erosion and improvements that are needed to the Spy Pond Park. Can funds be used for clean ups? Clarissa Rowe says yes, this has been done on other communities. Can use funds to prevent future damage.

Questions were asked about the use of historic structures in Arlington that could be used for community housing, and which category any application should fall under.

The Senior Center improvements were raised. There are current plans that are being overseen by the Arlington Redevelopment Authority. Would it be possible for CPA funds to be used for some of these improvements?

There were suggestions that people think about “big” projects, like the acquisition and improvements for the Mugar Land, the restoration of the Old Burying Grounds and the Scenic Byway work (with the Towns of Lexington, Concord and Lexington) that were mentioned as possible candidates. As part of this discussion, there were suggestions about “banking” moneys for future project that might require more moneys.

The cleaning up of the polluted waterways of Arlington, both the Mill River and the Alewife Brook, were mentioned as possible projects.

Questions about how the Capital Planning Committee and Community Preservation Committee will work together. The Recreation Commission has submitted requests to both the Capital Planning Committee and CPA.